not operating any direct air service between Delhi and Patna, its subsidiary, Alliance Air, is operating direct flight between Delhi and Patna and vice-versa on 3 days in a week. In addition, Indian Airlines is operating daily service between Delhi and Patna on the route Ranchi-Patna-Ranchi-Delhi-Mumbai.

(c) and (d) In addition to Alliance Air's direct operation between Delhi and Patna and Indian Airlines' operation on the Sector Mumbai-Delhi-Ranchi-Patna and return, Jet Airways and Air Deccan's daily flight on Delhi-Patna-Delhi and Sahara Airlines' daily flight on the sector Delhi-Patna-Varanasi-Delhi are also available.

Upgradation of Bangalore Airport

1490. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken in the immediate short term to upgrade facilities and increase capacity at the current HAL Bangalore International Airport; and

(b) whether the Airports Authority of India would use the domestic terminal infrastructure to serve International traffic especially late night and early morning when there are much fewer or no domestic flights and passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has undertaken and completed expansion and modification of International and Domestic terminal buildings to ease congestion and to augment the facilities in HAL Airport, Bangalore in July, 2006 which, *inter-alia* include realignment of 13 check-in-counters and security hold area, provision of one additional lift and conveyor, air-conditioning of entire terminal in International terminal building and extension of check-in-area and security hold area and provision of six extra check-in-counters in Domestic terminal building.

(b) Yes, Sir. AAI has a proposal to use Domestic terminal building to serve International traffic when there are fewer or no domestic flights.